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LLOYD GEORGE UPHELD BY VOTE OF 293 TO 106; PREMIER DEFENDS ARMY

House Vindicates Leader, Following Charges by Gen. Maurice.

CRITICS ASKED TO HALT

Attacks From Rear Are Injuring Men in Field. Minister Says.

MAN POWER INCREASED

Wisdom Dictated No Extension of Line in France During Offensive.

LONDON, May 9.- The House of Commons voted 293 to 106 to-day to sustain the Lloyd George Ministry. Although ex-Premier Asquith, who moved for an investigation of the veracity of the Premier's statements re garding the conduct of the war, said curing the spirited debate that he had no intention of making a political issue of the matter, Lloyd George gave notice that he had interpreted it as such. lie said that if the motion were carred Mr. Asquith would again be re-

sponsible for the conduct of the war. As the debate was closing the Premer directed a caustic shaft at the rembers of the House who have re-

I beg that they may come to an end," he said. "National unity and the army are threatened. The Germans re preparing the biggest blow of the war, and I beg and implore that there shall be an end to this sniping."

Premier Explains Charges.

The Premier made a full explanation of the charges made against him by Major-Gen. F. B. Maurice, who is now at the front and was formerly Director of Military Operations. It was in this capacity that he sat with the Cabinct and gained the information upon which he based his allegations of mis-

representation by the Premier, Stirred by the imminence of a Cabinet crisis, the people of London crowded the public salleries long be-fore the debate opened. The diplo-

of a special committee of five members was designed to obtain a vote of cen e find it his duty to censure the Gov-The former Premier continued with

AMSTERDAM, May 9.—Count von Hertcolleagues had been concerned in the
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composition or publication of Gen.
Maurice's letter. If, is he says, the
Covernment intended to state the facts,
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bill is rejected, the Cologne Gazette ascomposition for their services.

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composition for their services. cs parte statement. He averred that had never yet given an adverse vote of any proposal made by the Government, and insisted that he had endeavored to help the Government in the

taguith Disclaims Ambition.

Mr. Asquith then said that many of the friends had thought he had been first hearted in the matter, and that that kind to the House and to my low countrymen." he said. The Premier was greeted by tre-

restioned at all it should be by a matter quickly and not delay the rade by Mr. Asquith for a select com-line was without precedent in the story of the House, he said. Furing Mr. Asquith's speech Mr. Car-

interrupted to ask him not to press motion. A few moments later he ered a rhetorical question intending sk what would be the consequences be held in Berlin on Wednesday evening.

What is the alternative?" he asked. ton, a labor leader. The interjec-was greeted with loud cheers. Asquith then said that the bes to not on with the war was to clear misconceptions and misunder-dings which might have no foundabut created doubt in the public

Declares Army Larger.

With reference to the strength of the There is absolutely no doubt that to was a very considerable addition the man power of the army at the There was a great increase in the man power of the army throughout be world in 1918 as compared with 1917. But the increase in France was

Frester than the average throughout the Soling strength. He must draw a distinction between the combatant and the obscombatant. Let me say at once that I do not accept that distinction which he talks about fighting strength, as to who are combatants and who are combatants. [Cries of "Oh, oh."] of the Germans at Amiens the other day

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Allied Chiefs Praise U. S. Troop Movement

Receial Cable Despatch to THE SEN.
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PARIS, May 9.—It has become known that at the conference known that at the conference last week at Abbeville, over which Premier Clemenceau presided, the progress of the American efforts was discussed and the leaders of the Allies expressed great satisfaction over the movements of troops from the United States, of whom it was said that more were arriving was said that more were arriving in France now than at any

previous time.

The allied Supreme Staff expressed gratitude not only for the quick and effective aid of the Americans, but also for the manner in which it had been put at the disposal of the French com-mand, "as if they were our own soldiers," one official said.

ARMY SPLIT ON

Von Moltke Followers Assail His Strategy on Western Front.

LUDENDORFF CRITIC TOO

Kaiser, However, With Crown Prince and Chancellor, Backs Field Marshal.

special Cable Despatch to THE SES from the London Times.

Copyright, 1915; all rights reserved. THE HAGUE, May 7 (delayed) .- A reort regarding dissensions in Germany which has reached Dutch circles asserts that a number of influential officers who were supporters of former Generalissimo von Moltke have been conducting for some time an agitation against Field Marshal von Mindenburg on the ground that his successes on the western front have not been up to axpectations and that his strategy has

PRUSSIAN DEPUTIES MAY BE ADJOURNED

Reform Bill Is Rejected.

AMSTERDAM, May 9 .- Count von Hertbill is rejected, the Cologne Gazette as-The Chanceller, according to the news-

paper, received full powers from Emperor William to dissolve the Chamber of Deputies at an audience two days ago Count von Hertling offered to re-

out the Chancellor and the other Prussian Ministers will dissolve the House right of him as being devoured by im-though this step probably will not be taken before the summer. A statement to this effect, the newspaper says, will be made soon with a view to impressing opponents of the bill.

Vorscaerts, the Berlin Socialist organ. the solution of the auffrage question the Government erred in not dissolving

"It cannot be expected," adds the paper, "that between the second read-ing just ended and the third reading, which will take place Monday, the miracle of reconciliation between the Government and the majority in the

lice. This action probably was the outof an attack at a recent session of the House of Deputies by the Inde-pendent Socialist Heinrich Stroebel on

"Attempts are being made to build up the newspapers recently suggest a possible modern political system on medieval lines under which the junkers and capitalists can join hands to deprive the working classes of their rights and the continued repetition of the story working classes of their rights and the continued repetition of the story gives the impression that it is something keep them in permanent subjection."

Twelve Dreaden members of the Independent Socialist party of Germany have been convicted of high treason by the Imperial Court at Leipsic, a despatch from that city to Vorcaerts reports. They distributed pamphlets last year advocating the overthrow of the German Empire and helped to bring about the strikes of last summer, advocating them as a means of obtaining

cating them as a means of obtaining peace. They were sentenced to penal servitude for terms varying from eighteen months to eight years.

Before the Reichstag Food Committee Exchange of prisoners of war France and Germany reached a France and Germany reached a sealed a service of the servic

last week Socialist Deputy Haase, acmanded that the war Office deal with the "scandal" of food smuggling from the front. He said a soldier could no the front he said a soldier could no era over the age of forty-eight years will be returned to their own country, the containing food for their families."

Ex-King Constantine Under Knife. The deputy said it was difficult to say whether the people would tolerate the seemingly inevitable reduction of the

er the people would tolerate the stantine of Greece has undergone an egly inevitable reduction of the operation in a Zurich hospital and is ration due to delay in the arrival now out of danger. It is believed, how-

U.S. TO BUILD **BIG WAR PLANT**

Howitzers and Large Shells to Be Made in Great Quantities.

SITE WILL BE IN INTERIOR

U. S. Steel Corporation to Construct Factory—Experts Volunteer Free Services.

A hurs ordnance plant for the manufacture of howitzers and large shells is to be constructed by the United States Government in the interior of the country under the supervision of the United States Steel Corporation. The new plant is expected to be one of the largest in

is expected to be one of the largest in the world and perhaps to equal the works of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which are now declared to be greater than Krupps.

Rumors that the Government contemplated erecting a huge ordnance plant have been current for weeks, but confirmation of the reports was not obtained until E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, yesterday announced that general plans were being prepared for the construction of a plant which would manufacture cannon and projectiles.

tion of a plant which would manufacture cannon and projectiles.

No information could be obtained yesterday as to the probable cost of the plant. Construction is expected to stretch over a long period of time and completion of the works is not expected until 1919 and possibly early in 1920.

Although securing the services of the best steel manufacturers in the country, the United States Government will not have to pay one cent of compensation to have to pay one cent of compensation to the men who will superintend the work, inasmuch as they have, through patriot-ism, volunteered their services. Judge Gary's statement giving details of the proposed ordnance plant said:

Details of Plant. "At the solicitation of the Secretary of War the United States Steel Corporation has undertaken to construct and equip for and at the expense of the Govern-ment, upon a site to be located in the interior of the country, a plant for the manufacture of cannon and projectiles manufacture of cannon and projecties of large sizes and in great quantities; and to operate the same when finished.

"At best the time required will extend over a considerable period and the cost will be large; but the work will progress with all practicable speed and economy in the use of money will be practised. It is hoped and expected the results will be creditable to the country.

crowded the public calleries long before the debate opened. The diplomatic and peers' galleries also were thronged.

Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionists, early in the debate appealed to Mr. Asquith not to proceed with his motion. Sir Edward said that if the veracity of the Ministers was not integrating possibility of carrying on the integrating possibility of carrying on the integrating of a special committee of five members to investigate the truth of Gen. Mau. ing subsidiary companies, and all se-lected because of their education, experi-ence and peculiar fitness. This commit-

will keep in close touch with the building and operating organization which is being formed, and with the officers of the Steel Corporation and with the War Department.

Officers to Get No Pay. "Officers of the corporation and of the

subsidiary companies will receive no appointed representatives. General plans are being rapidly pre-

pared and will soon be ready for exami-nation by the Ordnance Department or of the duty imposed by the terms of the "The corporation, in consequence of

the military necessities of the Government and its ailies, had hoped to avoid was imperatively required under existing

The United States Steel Corporation is comparatively heavy. the plant.

The proposed new ordnance works also explains to a substantial degree the decision of the steel manufacturers to sidetrack orders for steel for general ur and concentrate their energies on the manufacture of steel for the United States Government.

HINTS WALES MAY WED SOON. London Gossip Picks Daughter of

Ducat Family for Him. Special Cable Desputch to THE SEN.

Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. the newspapers recently suggest a pos-sible wedding of the Prince of Wales and the daughter of a ducal family, and

more than gossip.

The Daily Express, referring to the

Prisoner Exchange is Ratified. PARIS, May 9 .- The agreement for the

France and Germany reached at Berne that in mind when he talked about cording to German newspapers, de- has been officially rather will man Government. The agreement will manded that the War Office deal with man Government. The agreement will manded that the War Office deal with man Government. The agreement will manded that the War Office deal with man Government. has been officially ratified by the Ger-

Zunicit, May 9 .- Former King Con-

Experts Expect Two Weeks' Delay Before Foe Resumes Offensive

PARIS, May 9.—Contrary to the belief expressed in cable despatches from France, military authorities here are of the opinion that the next German offensive is not as imminent as is expected. They agree that the battle may not begin before a fortnight. Many reasons contribute to this delay, foremost of which is the fact that so severe was the recent repulse of the Germans, especially on April 29 and 30, that considerable time must elapse before they will be able to fill in and reorganize their divisions.

On the other hand the aviators of the Allies have been working such havor on the enemy's lines that he is finding it extremely difficult to carry out his concentrations. From a high military authority it is understood that the Allies would be willing to give up Ypres if the enemy were willing to pay about 20,000 men for it; at that, he added, it would be a good bargain, as Ypres is worth, tactically, fewer than 10,000 men.

It has been established recently that the German airplane production averages between 1,800 and 2,000 machines (probably a month). While it is not permitted to give the figures of the French and British output it is not exaggerating to estimate it at more than double and daily increasing.

HUGE TAX IS COMING, **NEED 31 BILLIONS FOR** YEAR, SAYS KITCHIN

New Department Estimates Astonish Senators, Who Predict Vastly Increased Income and Excess Profits Levies-Congress Likely to Remain in Session.

Special Dropatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, May 9 .- Demands from the executive departments

having the war in charge for appropriations for the coming fiscal year representing increases over current appropriations amounting into the billions have resulted in a sudden and complete change of plans regarding financial legislation.

Pershing Asks Men to Write to Mothers

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 9.—Gen. John J. Pershing has is-sued the following order to all units of the American Expedi-

tionary Forces in France: "To all commanding officers, May 8. dier in the American Expeditionary Forces would write a letter home on Mothers' Day. This is a little thing for each one to do, but these letters will carry back our courage and our affection to the patriotic women whose love and prayers inspire us and cheer us on to victory. "PERSHING."

German Patrol Routed in Attempts to Rush Picardy

Position.

By the Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Chairman Symmons's interview caused May 2.—A large German patrol at- considerable talk and led to a conference QUEEN MARIE REJECTS TREAT. Austrian persecutions of oppressed particularly described to the conference of the conferenc WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, tempted to rush the American positions on the Picardy front during last night but was driven off.

tending to be wounded, lay outside the partment and by Chairman Hurley of wire entanglements before an American the Shipping Board. position beseeching help. He was acting as a screen for the others, who were plan for an adjournment of Congress in man rule. armed with hand grenades.

The Germans, failing to entice ecessity of engaging in work of the Americans from their trenches, attacked. kind now entered upon, but was per-suaded by the War Department that it them that they fled in confusion. Their

expected to supply the bulk of the mate-lal that will go into the construction of day and night in this sector.

WAR CROSS FOR ATHLETE

Lieut. Cassidy Kills One, Captures Three Germans. By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. May 9.—Second Lieut. Henry Cassidy of Wichita, Kan., well known athlete, was decorated with the War Cross to-day for bravery in a recent patrol engagement at Anservillers.

During the attack a German non commissioned officer pointed his rifle at Cassidy and called to him to surrender. Cassidy refused and then killed the German. He then flashed his light down into a dugout and forced three German occupants to come out with uplifted

To-day was quiet along the Lorraine German airplanes attempted to cross the American lines but were repelled by the

ENEMY BUYING U. S. CURRENCY.

Ukraine Grain Growers Will Accept No Other Payment. LONDON, May 9 .- The Central News

Agency says that enemy agents are pur-chasing large quantities of United States notes for shipment to Austria by way of Switzerland, to be used for the purchase of this year's crop from the Russian peasants, it is explained, will only accept American notes in payment

Mine Sweeper and 26 Men Lost. LONDON, May 9.- A British mine sweeper struck a mine and sank on May 1, the Admiralty announces. Three of-

ing in the case of the War Department possible that this drive was meant to alone to almost \$8,000,000,000 over last year, a new tax law calling for comprehensive increases in existing rates city and many items must be framed and passed at the present session. Definite against both British and French over information to this effect was conveyed to Administration leaders in the Senate to-day and took many by sur-prise. Treasury experts are engaged

British in Ridge Wood and the neigh-boring territory southwest of Voorme-seele, and by the Fifty-sixth Division.

Before the battle started in earnest, however, several things had happened which have a continuous propropriations as follows:
Regular army suppropriation bill, \$13.-600,000,000; artillery and ammunition estimated to go in fortification bill, \$1,000,000,000; naval appropriation bill, \$4,000,000,000; shipping programme.
\$2,230,000,000; miscellaneous appropriations, \$1,000,000,000; loans to the Allies at least \$5,000,000,000.

at least \$6,000,000,000.

The new demands of the Treasury

view of the encouraging returns partly compiled but pouring into the Treasury Department, on income and excess profits taxes, coupled with the known success of the third Liberty Loan, rev enue legislation of any sort might be a consequence the assault was confined postponed until the December session of to a two division affair which was dicongress along with all consideration of Ridge Wood.

with Treasury officials at which the problem presented in the new demands Refuses to Recognize German Jule was gone over thoroughly. other bureau, and when approved the corporation will be given a free hand in construction and operation, holding itself during the night, and one German, pre- to be asked, particularly by the War De-The enemy patrol parties were active has he had spoken without knowledge Amstranam, May 9.—Queen M of the tremendous increases that were Rumania, according to German The need of new tax legislation at

i July. War Department Speaks.

In laying this plan Congress leaders as well as Treasury officials had reck-oned without the War Department. casualties are believed to have been whose stupendous estimates were kept comparatively heavy. days ago. To-day Chairman Hurley programme for \$2,000,000,000 more. money, vastly greater even than the gen-

According to Senator Smoot (Utah). admittedly the chief statistical expert of the Finance Committee's minority, the appropriations for 1918-19 will run to about \$27,000,000,000 vesterday Senator Smoot told

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Pell Tree Inn Opens Fund's Summer Season

SUMMER dates from May 10 this year. The Pell Tree Inn, on Pelham road, Westchester county, starts the season of benefits for THE SUN Tobacco Fund to-night. Gus Edwards will be master of ceremonies, Olga Cook will sing and there will be many other popular num-bers on the attractive pro-gramme which Peter F. Shaney has arranged.

There's almost no end to the good things in store for the fund's friends. A few of them are listed on page 4. You can't afford to miss any, so go to Pell Tree Inn to-night!

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ALLIED LINE IS RESTORED; BRITISHBATTLE ALL NIGHT; NEW ENEMY THRUST FAILS

Reach Points Taken Be-

fore April 26.

Enemy Attacks South of

the Somme.

London Times.

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to Be Imminent.

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ROMF, May 9.—The most significant dication that the relations of the Vat-

ican with Austria-Hungary have be

ALLIED GUNNERS BRITISH HOLD STOPPED ENEMY RECENT GAINS

Cooperation of French Infantry Also Upset Plans of Germans.

AIMED AT SCHERPENBERG DRIVE IS THWARTED

Great Barrage Prevented Em. Heavy Bombardment Halts ployment of Troops on a Wider Front.

By PERRY ROBINSON. By the Associated Press. WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.
May 9.—The Germans had intended to
make a much more pretentious assault
in Flanders yesterday than they were Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN from the

actually able to carry out, it has been learned. Their failure was due to the excellent work of the allied gunners and to a small coincident operation by the French east of Scherpenberg, which came at the right moment to help upset the enemy plans in this sector.

The German attack as actually except a lay roughly between La Clutte.

Wider Attack Contemplated.

Fresh details which have come to hand and statements by prisoners would in-dicate that the enemy had intended to attack with five divisions on a much vider front, mainly between Locre and

in the preparation of detailed state-ments and estimates upon which a new ments and estimates upon which a new Before the battle started in earnest.

enemy had been assembling here to participate in the attack, and had been so badly smashed that the idea of their taking part had been abandoned.

In the meantime along the French front between Locre and La Clytte the French had their eyes open and began sona grata there. Department, in view of recent assur-in the meantime along the French ances from high officials of the Govern-front between Lorre and La Clytte the taking part had been abandoned. legislation, have filled the Capitol with nothing short of consternation. Only last week Chairman Simmons of the Senate Finance Committee in an interview in The Sun expressed the opinion that in view of the encouraging returns named their eyes open and began sona grata there. It is an open secret here that the remaining the British were forced back slightly by machine gun fire, but all the rest of the original defences were again in the hands of the Allies.

After their first much a limit the present the capitor of a post-revelations of Austria's peace efforts a the rest of the original defences were again in the hands of the Allies.

After their first much a limit to be a post-revelations of a post-revelations of Austria's peace efforts a the rest of the original defences were again in the hands of the Allies. completely upset the German plans for additional German divisions which were assembling to assist their comrades on their right could not be brought in. As

rected mainly against the British about

of Rumania.

AMSTERDAM, May 9 .- Queen Marie of Rumania, according to German news-papers, has publicly announced that she never will recognize the peace treaty between Rumania and Germany Majesty says she had rather reign over a country under Ger-

The Queen's children are of the same

opinion and they never lose an oppor-tunity, the newspapers add, of insulting the Germans in Rumania. LIQUOR TRAFFIC PLAN DEAD. London Editor Says Britain Is Not

to Buy Out Rum Men. Special Cable Despatch to The St London, May 9 -Sir William Nicol editor of the British Weekly, says the scheme for state purchase of the laquor traffic is dead, and that he makes this statement on the very best authorit

PRESIDENT EXPERT ONE HANDED GOLFER

Burns Cause Him to Acquire New Playing Method.

from enjoying his favorite game-a set-

It was a little new to the President

at first and his scores were below the average, but during the period of about three weeks he has developed into a professional one handed player and can be seen on the links almost any morning now. Wednesday be played an eighteen Chase with Rear Admiral Cary T. Gray son, the White House physician, and from reports he won decisively. Now Al Howard, professional one handed player at the Washington Golf and Country Club, where the President usually plays, has learned of the President's ability as a one handed "star

Von Arnim's Troops Suffer

German Advance Fails to They Are Thrown Out and Haig's Men Win Back

German Effort Was to Break Right Flank of British in

LONDON, May 9 .- The footing in the British trenches and the slight gain of and British in a sharp counter attack

portions this is not important.

Elsewhere there were some indications that the Germans were preparing large attacks south of the Somme this morning, but if so the devastating character of the artillery fire with which we by the Germans in sectors further to broken up by the British fire. Near Albert, however, the Germans won a footing in the advanced British

acter of the artillery fire with which we swept their positions from an hour before until after dawn made them abandon the attempt. The sustained drum fire to which we subjected them was as merciless as the bombardment which precedes one of our own offensives.

Thrusting along the high ground between the Somme and the Ancre, the Australians again pushed our line further eastward to the south of Morlancourt, killing a number of Germans and taking a score of prisoners. A gain of ground here is doubly useful.

The weather is fine and warm to-day and the ground after the rainless spring was so thirsty that already it is drying retained it. In local fighting yesterday near Bucquoy, south of Arras, thirty German was so thirsty that already it is drying rapidly and the roads behind the front crations between the Somme and the Ancre the British made further progress, improving somewhat their poel-VATICAN AND AUSTRIA tions. German raids were repulsed ON VERGE OF A BREAK near Lens and at Merris, southwest of Bailleul. The French report marked Recall of Papal Nuncio Said artillery activity on the Hailles-Mont-

> heavy shelling again on both sides of the Avre River, southeast of Amiens

perted that his confidential reports dis-suaded the Pone cooperating in the ef-fort to bring about success.

The Nuncio likewise is blamed for were unable to gain further ground, de-spite repeated smashes at the allied line. Bitter struggles took place about the Kleine vierstraat cabaret, west of Vierstraat, and in the Ridge Wood, but the British ctung desperately

The Nuncio likewise is blamed for suggesting to the Pope that he send a representative to Poland and for enlightening the Fontifi in regard to the political intrigues of the Emperor's entourage, thus contributing to create complications between Austria and the Holy Secondarial in the mith Holy See, especially in connection with withstand it, and gradually fell back itll they had abandoned all the ground gained Flanks Held by Artillery Fire. The enemy's move undoubtedly was tion. Newspaper comments indicate that Von Seydler's suggestions in regard to autonomy for subject races are totally

The Pribate prints a review of the Vierstraat, the attacking forces has situation showing that the hopes expressed in some quarters in regard to autonomies as palliatives are rendered vain by the attitude of the Germans the artiflety fire.

Hard fighting continued throughout yain by the attitude of the Germans and Magyars. Von Seydler's declarations are most useful, inasmuch as they should dispel many illusions and strongthen the movements which were resulted in the reestablishment of the strongthen the movements which were allied line in the Voormezeele-La Clyne atta k yesterday succeeded in making some advance. This operation, though comparatively small, developed hard

POPE DOES NOT PLAN TO MOVE FOR PEACE

ing if He Acts. London Times.

Prelate Fears Misunderstand-

congress in Rome.

inadequate and should make clear to all concerned that the Hapsburg policy cannot change, even it Emperor Charles does cherish good intentions.

Coppright, 1918; all rights scienced. ROME. May 9 .- The rumor that the Pope intends to make a fresh move in favor of peace is without foundation. From inquiries I am able to state that Special Despatch to The Sty.

Washington, May 9.—President Willows burned hand has not stopped him come enjoying his favorite game—a settle.

In regard to the action of the Irish on at golf. from enjoying his favorite game—a setto at golf.

Since the President burned his hand while inspecting the tank Britannia on the White House ellipse several weeks ago it was believed that he would have to give up golf playing until his hand was well. A burned hand, however, did not stop him and he continued to make his trips to the links, playing with one hand. It is housed and believed by many in elerical circles here that the policy of the Irish prelates was, in the words of to keep the forces of rebellio

expression in England is only national. MASS ORDERED FOR HUMANITY. Pope Urges World to Observe St.

discipline." However, it is realized that

the hitterness of feeling which has found

Peter's Day.

ent necessities of human society.

Heavy Loss in Effort to Win Scherpenberg.

GOT FOOTING IN WOOD

Old Positions.

FRENCH ALSO MOVE UP

the Kemmel Region.

British trenches and the slight gain of France, May 8 (delayed).—While great tension exists along the whole battle-front the only point where any fighting has taken place has been north of the Mont Kennmel area near Vierstrant and Ridge Wood. The Germans attacked there on a short stretch this morning and British trenches and the slight gain of ground which Gen. von Arnim made yesterday between La Clytte and Voorsele, back of Mont Kemmel, at a beavy cost of German lives, was all taken away from him by the French and British in a sharp counter attack The German attack as actually excepted, lay, roughly, between La Clytte and Voormezeele, and it was made principally by the Fifty-second German the line to which we had fallen back on April 28. It was only after the German attacked again north of Name of the line to which we had fallen back on April 29 that we pushed forward our outpost line to the positions attacked to-day. Unless operations described by the Fiftyattacked to-day. Unless operations de-velop much beyond their present pro-to-night that at the close of the fight-portions this is not important. In this morning all the French and

didier front, part of which is held by

Hard Fighting Around Kemmel. Describing the fighting back of Mont Semmel the correspondent of the Asociated Press with the British army

positions.
The British organized a counter attack during the night, which was so vigorous that the tiermans were unable

According to despatches from Zurleh to the Messaggero, Prime Minister von Seydler of Austria is contemplating ex-treme measures against the Slav agita-

n attempt to improve his positions h way of preparation for a bigger attach to come. The assault was delivered with great determination, and by noon the Germans had obtained a footing it annot change, even il Emperor Charles the British from line at Ridge Wood, oes cherish good intentions.

The Tribuna prints a review of the Vierstraat, the attacking forces had

fighting throughout most of the day and into the night Aimed at British Right.

Another correspondent says that throughout yesterday the enemy pushed is attack in the direction of the north eastern slopes of Scherpenberg with great determination, his main attack be-ing directed against the right flank of the British northern army and over-lapping the British junction with the French. Enemy parties penetrated to the Kleine Vierstraat cabaret, and the gitusrather difficult. Thenseforth until the About 1:30, when the battle was at !! raging with unabated first, the British still held the hamlet of Kleine Vier

straat, but had been pressed hack sout The Germans, continuing to throw and momentarily occupied the meater portion of this. Parties of H. than were complete possession of this place. Before sunset for permane has fought themselves to a statisfull, man ing suffered very hear h, but has gained ground of some factual imper-tance in Ridge Wood, noing a distan-step toward Scherpenberg, the covered

Just before dark the finitish counter Home. May 2.—The Pope has issued attacked under cover of a terrific berna special message addressed to the bardment and the enemy was forced to
whole world for a mass to be said on yield the ground he had occupied at
Self-results of human speciety? had been restored virtually everywhere